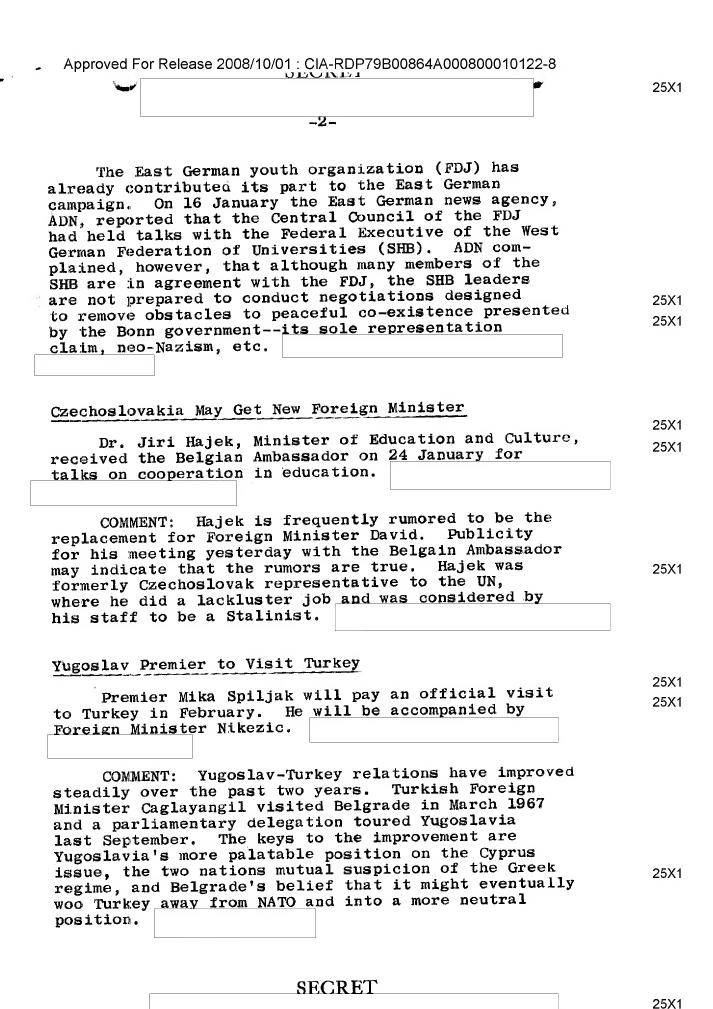
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Hungary Signs 1968 Trade Protocol with Yugoslavia

A 1968 trade protocol between Hungary and Yugoslavia was signed on 11 January. It calls for a 25-30% increase in trade and an intensification of industrial cooperation. Yugoslavia's representative Teodosije Glisic pointed out that Hungary's reform of its economic mechanism encouraged further advancements in industrial cooperation.

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The 25-30% increase in trade will not COMMENT: amount to much since Yugoslav trade represents only 2% of Hungary's total foreign trade.

Travels of Todor

Bulgarian chief Todor Zhivkov's visit to Havana, which was announced in early November, will begin on 28 January, according to Canadian and Irish officials. The official party/government delegation will travel via Shannon and Gander and return to Sofia on 1 February.

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COMMENT: Considering the cool state of relations between the USSR and Cuba and Bulgaria's faithfulness to Moscow, it seems likely that, in visiting Cuba, Zhivkov might be entrusted by the Kremlin with mediating the differences between Cuba and the USSR. has long been a champion of the International Communist Conference and will almost certainly attempt to create some enthusiasm in Havana for the February consultative meeting in Budapest.

Bulgaria apparently plans to continue its stepped up program for increased high level contacts throughout the world. In addition to his Cuba trip, Zhivkov has accepted invitations to visit Denmark, Turkey, India, and Tunisia in the coming months. All this globetrotting is designed, at least in part, to bolster world community confidence in Bulgaria as a separate national indentity

and a future trade partner.

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